

# The Vine



November  
2018

The happiest words heard in months: Bye, Bye Red Tide!!!!

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**PLEASE NOTE: THE SPEED LIMIT WITHIN THE COMPLEX IS 10 MPH!!!!!!**

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**PLEASE do not over crank when putting up poolside umbrellas. Please put umbrellas down when you leave.**

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MANAGER'S OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. MON. - FRI.**

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU EXPECT A GUEST WITH A SERVICE/COMFORT ANIMAL, THE OFFICE MUST BE NOTIFIED SEVERAL WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE VISIT.**

## COMMUNITY CORNER:

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Alice & Jerry Baxter** and their family, on the passing of **Alice's** brother, **Walter Wagner**.

**Pat McGee** extends her heartfelt thanks to our Del Mar "Family" for their cards, calls, visits and prayers, all of which have been precious to her during her recuperation from serious back surgery. We are delighted by the news that Pat feels that progress is being made each day.

### Help Wanted:

Please be on the lookout for a red bag containing two spotlights. If you locate it, please return it to **Bob Wolfer**. (815-735-6658).

**Needed:** Volunteers in Buildings **G** and **I** to distribute **The 'Vine**. Please call **Peggy Coburn (231-0645)**.

**Needed:** Donations to Del Mar's **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Your contributions of non-perishable foods can be placed in cartons located in the mail room. The Food Drive ends on **Nov. 20**.

## THE SOCIAL SCENE:



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It's begun "to look a lot like Christmas", from the gold and scarlet ribboned lamp posts, and wreaths bordered by lights at the DM entrance, to our glowing and gleaming Clubhouse which is rimmed by bands of lights. (A recent study contends that those who decorate early are happier than those who delay. So let's keep those DM smiles beaming!!!)

Beautiful new trees are the focal points in the living room, piano room, and on the balcony. (Our thanks to **Marion Andola** for all the schlepping involved in their purchase.) The living room tree is a shimmering study in gold and white, with ribbons flowing from beneath the opulent angel which graces it top, and gleaming gold ornaments. The balcony and piano room trees are aglow with rich multicolored lights, ornaments and garlands.

Snowmen, Santas of various stripes, reindeer, candles, poinsettias, wreaths, sleighs brimming with greenery, and still more to the festive Yuletide atmosphere. The Nativity scene atop the living room credenza, and the menorah in the piano room remind us of "the reason for the season".

Many, many thanks to those who made possible our gorgeous "Christmas House": Chairman **Rich DeFazio** and his "elves": **Marion Andola, Liz DeFazio, Bob Wolfer, Julie Wolfer, Louise Carey, Tom Nash, Mary Stevenson, Cindy Maisey, Ron Schneider, Larry Massaroni, Janet Costantini, Donna Yamin.**

We urge DMers to visit the Clubhouse and enjoy a truly "beautiful sight".

**PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH ANY OF THE TIMERS USED IN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE.**  
**THE SOCIAL SCENE:**

Chairmen of Social Committee activities should contact **Judy Phillips (492-0392)** with info to be included in bulletin board notices. Details should also be given to **Peg Coburn (231-0645)** for the 'Vine ASAP.

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Chairmen of Social Committee events, or hosts of private functions in the clubhouse, should have a **cell phone** with them in case an emergency occurs.

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If planning a **gathering** in the **grill & garden** area by the western entrance to the lower clubhouse, you must have a party of **10 or more**; **15 or more** are needed for a gathering at the south patio grill. **To reserve a date for grill use, place your name & unit number on the calendar posted in the mailroom.**

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Guys & Gals – Don't fret about turkey & stuffing!!!! Work them off in advance!!!! **Aquacize** each weekday at **10:30 a.m.** – weather permitting.

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Those returning or donating books to the **Library** should place them on the bookshelves (please follow the alphabetical labels on the shelves) or in the cabinet behind the shelves. We thank **Irene & Jack Foley** for keeping the shelves in good order and bringing surplus books to the Used Book Depot.

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All those using the **shuffleboard courts** are asked to observe the following: **please do not walk on the courts. No food or beverages (except water) are permitted. Young children & teenagers using the courts should be under adult supervision.**

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Ladies - are you looking for a new home for those "baubles, bangles and beads" that you have not worn in ages? Please call **Jackie Winckler (603-320-5635)** to donate them to the **White Elephant Sale**. Other items for the sale may be left by the storeroom door.

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**Canasta, anyone?** Join in the fun in the clubhouse each **Wednesday at 1 p.m.** Chairman **Gloria Petrone (772-257-5332)** is willing to teach those who are new to the game.

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**FUN TIMES REMEMBERED:**

What an eerie evening was **Oct. 31** at the **Halloween BYOB**. We moved from room to room by the light of glowing jack-o-lanterns or creepy candles, munching on savory spooky snacks piled high on the colorfully clad buffet tables. Treats galore filled the dessert bar, including a fabulous birthday cake for **Jerry Walsh**. Following a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" led by **George Brooks**, **George** emceed the Costume Parade in which a record number participated: **Biker Chick (Lorna Oswald)**, **The Black Widow (Mary Ellen Costello)**, **Clara Bow & Mary Pickford (Gloria Petrone & Justine Lomenzo)**, **Deviled Egg (Barbara Passariello)**, **Green with Envy (Shauna & Bill Dock)**, **Hawaiian Halloween (Bill Leddy)**, **Internet Cloud (Alberta Weisberg)**, **Night Hawk (Harriet O'Dell)**, **Red Tide (Mary Stevenson)**, **Red Tide - No Trespassing (Ed Costello)**, **Red Tide Survivors (Bob & Lois Baldiga)**, **The Sharks (Ben & Ginny Shanabrook)**, **The Spider (Cindy Maisey)**. Congrats to the winners:

#1 (A tie): Justine Lomenzo & Gloria Petrone, and Lorna Oswald. #2: Alberta Weisberg. #3: Lois & Bob Beldiga.

Pat Tuohy & Peggy Coburn thank all who helped to make Halloween a "howling success", especially Mike & Mary Ellen Fitzgerald for their invaluable help in lugging the decorations to and from the storeroom, setting up, taking down and cleaning up, and Marion Andola for assisting in the clean up.

**FUTURE FUN TIMES:**

If you wish to play Bocce Ball in 2019 please check the list on the mailroom bulletin board. If you are not listed please add your name and unit number.

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- Nov. 16 (Fri.) It's time to do the "Turkey Trot" to the pre-Thanksgiving **BYOB\*** hosted by **Joe & Nancy Fitzsimons**. Please bring your favorite beverage and a tasty treat to share (**finger food, please, w/contents labeled**). **5:30 p.m.**
- Dec. 4 (Tues.) **Social Committee Meeting** chaired by **Marion Andola**. All residents are invited to attend and share in planning upcoming activities. **10 a.m.**
- Dec. 7 (Fri.) Get the Yuletide season off to a sparkling start at the pre-Christmas **BYOB\*** hosted by **Paul & Marie Colella**. Bring a happy holiday hors d'oeuvre to share (**finger food, please, w/contents labeled**), and something special to sip. You will be delighted by the beauty of our Christmas Clubhouse and the marvelous music of the **VBHS CHORUS**, arranged for by **Marion Andola**. **5:30 p.m.**
- Feb. 17 (Sun) Art Show chaired by **Bob Wolfer** in 2019. A chance for DM artists to display their talents. So start getting ready!!!!!!

\*Please bring cans and bottles home and recycle them.

**A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL DMers AND THEIR FAMILIES**

*Peggy Coburn*

